



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Antonio J. Grillo-Lopez

Group Art Unit: 1642

Application No. 09/840,872

Examiner: G. Nickol

Filed: April 25, 2001

Title: INTRATHECAL ADMINISTRATION OF RITUXIMAB FOR TREATMENT OF CENTRAL NERVOUS
SYSTEM LYMPHOMAS

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ELECTION REPLY

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action [Restriction Requirement] mailed on July 2, 2002,
Applicants elect with traverse, Group 1, claims 1, 3-4, 5, directed to a method of treating
CNS using a non-radiolabeled anti-CD20 antibody or fragment wherein;

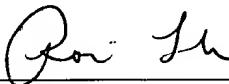
- (i) the CNS is leptomeningeal metastasis (LM); and
- (ii) the chemotherapeutic is methotrexate.

Applicants further note that claims 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 29, 30, 31, 32, 36, 37,
38, 43, 44, and 45 are readable on the elected group.

Also, while not required in the Election, Applicants further note that the preferred
route of administration is intrathecal.

Applicants traverse the requirement on the basis that this is the first known use of an antibody directed to a B cell antigen to treat a CNS lymphoma and therefore that the claims should be examined in their full scope. In any event, upon a determination that the elected species are allowable, the Examiner is respectfully requested to extend the search to other B cell antigens and chemotherapeutics.

Respectfully submitted,
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REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER

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This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1. Small Entity claim A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOT made B. <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn C. <input type="checkbox"/> made herewith D. <input type="checkbox"/> made previously		For B & C See Required Separate Paper (Pat-256)		Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Large/Small Entity	Additional Fee	Fee Code Lg/Sm
2. Total Effective Claims		**minus	0	0		x \$18/\$9 =	+ \$0		103/203
3. Independent Claims		***minus	0	0		x \$84/\$42 =	+ \$0		102/202
4. If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time (leave blank if this is a reissue application)		add			+ \$280/\$140 =	+ \$0			104/204
5. Original due Date: August 2, 2002		<input type="checkbox"/> NONE							
6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached		(1 mo)		\$110/\$55 =					115/215
		(2 mos)		\$400/\$200 =	+ \$0				116/216
		(3 mos)		\$920/\$460 =					117/217
		(4 mos)		\$1,440/\$720 =					118/218
		(5 mos)		\$1,960/\$980 =					128/228
7. Enter any previous extension fee paid since above original due date and subtract				- \$0					
8.				Extension Fee	+ \$0				
9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee				+ \$110/\$55	+ \$0				148/248
10. If IDS attached requires Official Fee under Rule 97 (c),		add		+ \$180					126
or if Rule 97(d) Request		add		+ \$180	+ \$0				126
11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r)				+ \$740/370	+ \$0				146/246
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b).....				x \$740/370 ea	+ \$0				149/249
13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE)				+ \$740/370	+ \$0				1179/1279
14. Petition fee for				+ \$0					
15.				TOTAL FEE =	\$0				
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				Our Deposit Account No. 03-3975) (Our Order No. 037003	0280609	C#	M#		PLEASE CHARGE OUR DEP. ACCT

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This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.

Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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